## Beyond Backyard Composting

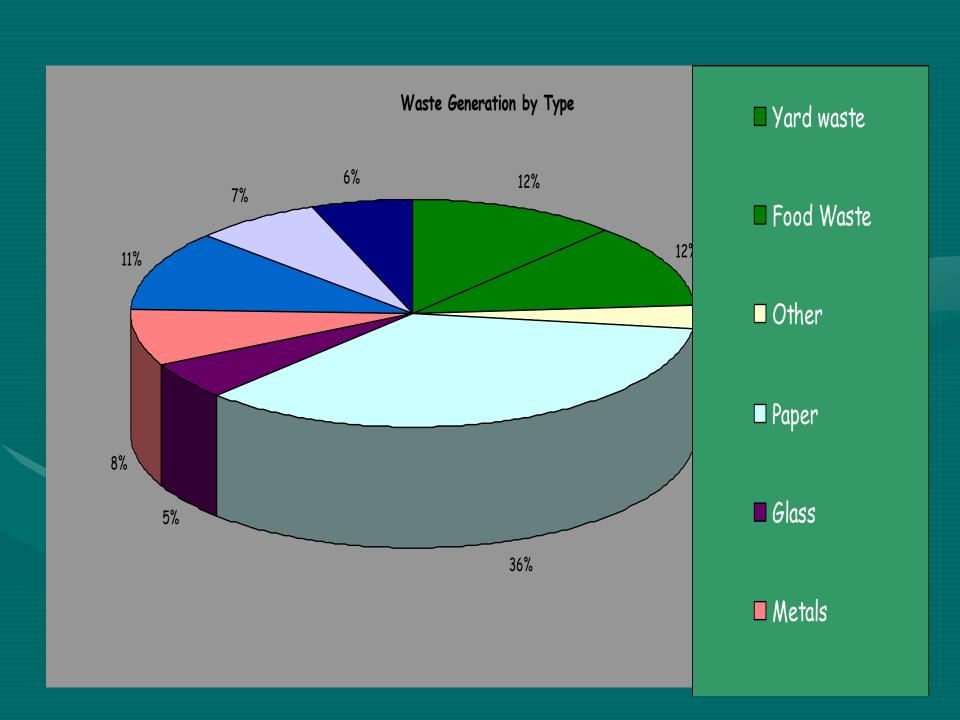


### Promote Backyard Composting



### Why Compost Food Scraps?

- > Food Scraps are not a Waste
- > Food Scraps are a Commodity
- Food Scraps Make up About 12% of the Waste Stream
- Result is a Very Good Soil Amendment
- Help Maine Reach it's Goal of a 50% Recycling Rate



# Regional Food Residual Composting Project

- > Maine DEP
- > Maine SPO
- ► Town of Farmington
- > Aramark Food Service (UMF)
- >Franklin Memorial Hospital
- > Mallett School
- > Sandy River Recycling



### Getting Started

- >Attend Maine Compost School
- ➤ Devise a Plan
- Key Elements
  who, what, where, when, how
- Work with State DEP for Necessary Licensing

#### Public Awareness

- Tell People What You Are Doing
- Tell People Why
  You Are Doing it
- Let People Know What is Going on at the Site











### Actual Operation

- >Your Recipe
- > How are You Going to Work Your Site?
- How are you going to comply with the rules & regulations
- Transportation of Feedstock and Amendment

































































# Finished Compost?

- Now that you have Finished Compost what do you do with it
- > Have it Tested (ME Soils Lab)
- Sales
- ➤ Donations & Community Service
- ▶Storage



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### Compost Analysis Report

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PO BOX 706 FARMINGTON ME 04938 Job# 370

Date Received: 03/12/10

Report Date: 03/25/10

Sample type: Compost Sample Name: Compost

#### STANDARD ANALYSIS

Parameter	Dry Basis	As is Basis
Total Solids (%)		41.9
Total Carbon (%)	20.2	8.4
Total Nitrogen (%)	1.01	0.42
Total Potassium (%)	0.30	0.13
Total Phosphorus (%)	0.34	0.14
Volatile Solids (%)	41.1	17.3
pH		6.7
Bulk Density (lbs/cu yd)		1000
Conductivity (mmhos/cm)		1.9

#### EXPANDED ANALYSIS

Parameter	Dry Basis	As is Basis
Total Boron (ppm)	59.5	24.9
Total Calcium (%)	1.20	0.490
Total Copper (ppm)	25.0	10.5
Total Iron (ppm)	12900	5420
Total Magnesium (%)	0.470	0.190
Total Manganese (ppm)	316	133
Total Sodium (%)	0.130	0.050
Total Zinc (ppm)	99.9	41.9

## MATURITY ANALYSIS

Parameter	Dry Basis	As is Basis
C:N Ratio		20.0
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (mg/kg)	7.84	3.29
NO <sub>3</sub> -N (mg/kg)	118	49.5







